

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 13, 15-19, 25-45 and 47 are pending in the present application.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 17, 18, 33 and 41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Because the independent claims are believed patentable, these claims have not been rewritten at this time.

Applicant has made a minor grammatical correction to claim 38, which should overcome the Examiner's objection thereto.

Claim 46 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. While Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's position, in the furtherance of prosecution on the merits, Applicant has canceled claim 46 rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 19 has been amended to eliminate the antecedent basis problem noted by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Claims 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lorello. Applicants respectfully traverse this art grounds of rejection.

The Examiner contends that the central database recited in claim 13 reads on a VLR such as in a wireless communication system of Lorello. Claim

13 has been amended to clarify that the central database of the claimed invention is independent of the wireless systems recited therein. Support for this can be found in Fig. 1 of the present invention.

In view of the above, the claim language prohibits the Examiner from reading the central database on a VLR or on an HLR of a wireless communication system. Therefore, the art grounds of rejection has been overcome, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this art grounds of rejection.

Claims 32 and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(3) as being anticipated by Ho. Applicant respectfully traverses this art grounds of rejection.

In reading the limitations of claim 32 on Ho, the Examiner contends that the method steps involving the central database of claim 32 read on the operational method with respect to an HLR in Ho. As was demonstrated above with respect to the Lorello patent, the claims in the subject application have been clarified to indicate that the central database is independent of the wireless systems recited in the claims. Therefore, the Examiner is no longer permitted to read the central database and the interactions or method steps associated therewith on either a VLR or HLR forming part of a wireless system. As such, the art grounds of rejection based on Ho has been overcome, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this art grounds of rejection.

Claims 38-40, 42-45 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Josse. Applicant respectfully traverses this art grounds of rejections.

In reading independent claims 38 and 44 on the Josse patent, the Examiner attempts to read the method steps involving the central database on the HLR 26 of Josse. As discussed previously with both Lorello and Ho above, the claims have been amended to inhibit this interpretation, and the Examiner's art grounds of rejection is no longer with merit. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the art grounds of rejection.

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorello in view of Maupin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,712,900). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has already explained why Lorello fails to teach or suggest the limitations of independent claim 13. Additionally, Maupin fails to teach or suggest the lacking features in Lorello. Therefore, since claim 16 depends from claim 13, claim 16 is allowable at least for the reasons generally expressed above with respect to claim 13 with respect to Lorello.

Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lorello in view of Janhonen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,345,181). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has already explained why Lorello fails to teach or suggest the limitations of independent claim 13. Additionally, Janhonen fails to teach or suggest the lacking features in Lorello. Therefore, since claim 19 depends from claim 13, claim 19 is allowable at least for the reasons generally expressed above with respect to claim 13 with respect to Lorello.

Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

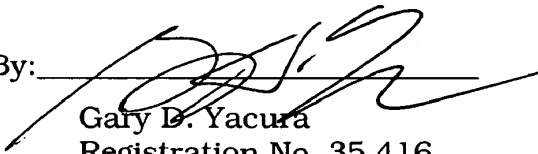
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of all presently outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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